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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: AIRCRAFT - IL 1460

REFS: A. COCOM DOC. REV (74) 1460/1

B. OECD PARIS 26515 (11/8/74)

1. UK HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING REVISED PROPOSAL FOR A
NEW SUB-ITEM (C) (V):

"ANY ENGINE WHICH HAS BEEN IN ACTUAL CIVILIAN SERVICE
FOR NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS.

NOTE: SUBSEQUENT VERSIONS OF THE ORIGINAL ENGINE WILL,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF (C)(V), BE REGARDED AS THE SAME AS
THE ORIGINAL ENGINE PROVIDED THAT NO NEW TECHNOLOGY OF
STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IS USED IN THEIR MANUFACTURE OR
DESIGN. OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE REGARDED FOR THE PURPOSE
OF (C)(V) AS NEW ENGINES."

"JUSTIFICATION-THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES HAVE RE-
VISED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SUB-ITEM (C)(V) TO TAKE
ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSION IN ROUND I. THEY HAVE THE FOLLOW-
ING COMMENTS IN EXPLANATION:

1. THE WORD "CIVILIAN" HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE SUB-ITEM IN
RESPONSE TO THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION'S STATEMENT IN
PARAGRAPH 14 OF COCOM DOCUMENT REV(74) 1460/1 AND SUB-
SEQUENT DISCUSSION.

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2. A NOTE HAS BEEN ADDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE NETHER-

LANDS DELEGATION'S STATEMENTS IN PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 9 OF COCOM DOCUMENT REV(74) 1460/1 AND OF SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION.

3. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY THE ITALIAN DELEGATION IN PARAGRAPH 17 OF COCOM DOCUMENT REV(74) 1460/1, NAMELY: IN WHAT WAY DID THE PROPOSED NEW SUB-ITEM DIFFER FROM THE EXISTING SUB-ITEM (C)(IV)? THEY COMMENT AS FOLLOWS:- INTERPRETATIVE NOTE NO. 10 LIMITS THE NUMBER OF AERO ENGINES THAT CAN BE EXPORTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-ITEM (C)(IV). IT THEREFORE PREVENTS THE EXPORT OF THE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THESE AERO ENGINES, SINCE NUMBERS CANNOT BE CONTROLLED ONCE THE BLOC POSSESSES THE RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY. AS STATED IN THE JUSTIFICATION TO THE ORIGINAL UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL, THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THE EXPORT OF THE ACCOMPANYING TECHNOLOGY IS FULLY JUSTIFIABLE.

4. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES SEE NO STRATEGIC RISK IN THIS ASPECT OF THEIR PROPOSAL SINCE, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE UK PROPOSAL, THE AERO ENGINES (AND THE ACCOMPANYING TECHNOLOGY) IN QUESTION WILL ONLY BE OF A KIND "WHICH HAVE BEEN IN ACTUAL CIVILIAN SERVICE FOR NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS". GIVEN THAT A MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS IS NEEDED TO DEVELOP AN ENGINE, THE TECHNOLOGY RELEASED WILL BE SOME TEN TO TWELVE YEARS OLD. THE UNITED KINGDOM AUTHORITIES TAKE THE VIEW THAT IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT COCOM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CAN MAINTAIN A TECHNOLOGICAL LEAD OF THIS ORDER OR THAT THERE WILL BE ANY STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY ATTEMPTING TO DO SO."

ACTION REQUESTED. INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED MARCH 17.

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